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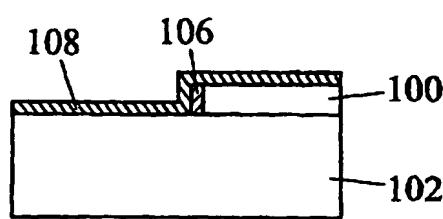
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(57) Abstract: Methods and systems for multiperiod, edge definition lithography are disclosed. According to one method, a first material (104) is isotropically deposited on a substrate (102) and on a field mesa (100) also located on the substrate (102). The first masking material (104) is then anisotropically removed from the substrate (100) to leave a nanometer-pitched sidewall (106) adjacent to the field mesa. A second masking material (108) is then isotropically deposited on the substrate (102), the sidewall (106), and the field mesa (100). The second masking material (108) is then anisotropically removed from the substrate (102) to leave a second nanometer-pitched sidewall (110) adjacent to the first sidewall (106). The process may be repeated to create alternating nanometer-pitched sidewalls of the first (104) and second (108) masking materials. One of the first (104) and second (108) masking materials may then be etched from the substrate (102) to leave nanometer-pitched channels (114) in one of the masking materials. The channels (114) may be used to etch nanometer-pitched features in the substrate (102).

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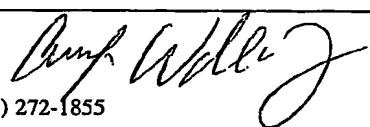
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